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Australia's unemployment rate increased to 6.3 per cent in July 2015

Australia's estimated seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for July 2015 was 6.3 per cent, an increase of 0.3 percentage points (based on unrounded estimates) from a revised 6.1 per cent for June 2015.

In trend terms, the unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.1 per cent, as announced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) today.

The seasonally adjusted labour force participation rate increased 0.3 percentage points to 65.1 per cent in July 2015.

The ABS reported the number of people employed increased by 38,500 to 11,810,700 in July 2015 (seasonally adjusted). The increase in employment was driven by increases in both full-time and part-time employment, with the largest increase seen in part-time employment for males (up 20,400).

The ABS seasonally adjusted monthly hours worked in all jobs series decreased in July 2015, down 3.4 million hours (0.2 per cent) to 1,633.2 million hours.

The seasonally adjusted number of people unemployed increased by 40,100 to 800,700 in July 2015, the ABS reported. This was driven by females who looked for both full-time work (up 18,200) and part-time work (up 14,600).

More details are in the July 2015 issue of Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0), as well as the upcoming July 2015 issue of Labour Force, Australia, Detailed (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001) due for release on August 13. These publications will be available for free download from the ABS website, https://www.abs.gov.au.

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